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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1921.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. Frank King of Cuscuta is in town.

Mr. Herbert Bean is visiting friends in town.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn of Portland was in town, Friday.

Mr. MacDougle was a business visitor in town, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe were in Norway, Saturday.

Mr. H. P. Holt of the Bethel Outlet Co., is in Lewiston.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Miss Margaret Herrick returned to Boston, Mass., Monday.

Miss Mona Martyn was a guest of her parents over the week end.

Mr. William Hall was the guest of friends in town last week.

Mr. Howard Bailey has purchased the Storell place on Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes have gone to Winthrop, Mass., to spend a few days.

Mr. Guy Perkins is the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. E. Littlefield, and family.

Mr. Fred C. Florette is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Merrill and family.

Hon. A. E. Herrick was called to So. Paris, Saturday, by the illness of his sister.

Mrs. M. A. Godwin and Miss Alberta Stearns spent the day in Berlin, Saturday.

Mr. Irving Carver came home from Boston, Saturday, returning to Boston, Sunday.

Mrs. William Eldredge of Rockport, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. M. Clark.

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, Monday evening, April 12th.

Mr. F. H. Waterhouse returned to Lewiston, Monday, after spending the week in Bethel.

Mr. W. W. Hastings, who has been spending the winter in Florida, returned home Saturday.

Miss Ruth Buck from Ashburnham, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitney, who have been spending the winter in Florida, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Hattie Hibbard returned Monday from Lynn, Mass., where she has been visiting her two sons.

Mrs. Addie Parlin has finished work at Mr. I. L. Carver's, and Mrs. Alma Mitchell will take her place.

Mr. Philip Green of Lancaster, N. H., was a guest of his uncle, Mr. A. W. Herrick and family, Saturday.

Prof. W. R. Chapman and daughter, Cornelia, and Miss Alice Capen are spending a few days in Portland.

Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhoven has purchased a lot of land of J. M. Philbrook in the rear of the brick schoolhouse.

Miss Marion Frost, who has been spending her vacation with her father and sister, has returned to Castile.

The ladies of the Congregational church and parish will hold a food sale at Mr. G. L. Thurston's store from three to five o'clock Friday afternoon, Apr. 8.

Dr. Edwin B. Beale, Federal Veterinary Surgeon and Inspector, of Greene, Me., has been in town this week, testing cattle for tuberculosis with a view for accredited herds.

Mr. Raleigh Warren Linnell and Miss Hazel Mae Coffin both of Magalloway Plantation were united in marriage with the double ring service, at the Congregational parsonage on the evening of March 31. In the absence of Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Rev. W. G. Curtis performed the ceremony.

Remember the Parent-Teacher meeting Monday, April 11. Members are urged to bring a new member and all requested to bring pencil and paper. Mrs. Herbert Rowe has planned music for the evening and Mr. Hanscom and Mr. Pollard will talk along the line of making the best citizens out of ordinary children. Visitors are very welcome.

GEORGE A. GROVER

George A. Grover, son of Almon and Olive Wheeler Grover, passed on to "that mysterious realm" last Saturday just before mid-night. He was born in Albany, Dec. 5, 1851, and moved to Bethel with his parents when a little boy. He was one of six brothers, all of whom grew to manhood, three sisters dying in childhood or youth.

When a young man he worked for some years in Massachusetts and spent two years in Minnesota. After his return to Maine he married Anna Rebecca Wight, May 1, 1881, and lived at the old Wight homestead caring for his wife's parents and for her brother Henry.

Mrs. Grover departed this life in June 1909. Within a year or two after his wife's decease, Mr. Grover became so severely afflicted with rheumatism that he sold his farm and went to make his home with his brother, A. B. Grover, and wife. Here for much of the time for more than ten years he has suffered with considerable pain, tenderly, efficiently and sympathetically cared for by the home-maker.

Mr. Grover was genial and companionable and readily added to his list of friends. He was a member of West Bethel Grange and has served it as Master. A goodly company of his fellow members attended his funeral service at the West Bethel church Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Guy Jack conductor, Rev. W. G. Curtis officiating.

Mr. Grover is survived by three brothers, Eugene of Minnesota, Albert B. of Grover Hill, Bethel, and Samuel Grover of Mass.

Mr. Elmer Allen was in West Bethel, Sunday.

Miss Esther Tyler returned to her school in Boston, Monday.

Miss Iredell returned to her home in Elizabeth, N. J., Wednesday.

Miss Muriel Park returned to Smith College, Wednesday morning.

Mrs. E. C. Park and daughter, Muriel, were in Berlin, N. H., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thurston are spending a few days in Portland.

Mr. Millard Clough and Mr. S. H. Brown are painting at West Bethel.

Mr. Edson Bartlett was a guest of his son, Walter Bartlett, and family, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. G. Curtis is spending some time in Auburn with her son, Dr. Baker, and family.

Mr. E. P. Lyon has purchased the house of A. Van Den Kerkhoven on Kimball Park.

Miss Hazel Herrick has returned to her school having spent her vacation with relatives in Auburn.

Mrs. John Howe and two children spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kimball.

Mrs. Frances Cook and Miss Olive Gaudet of Portland were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin and two sons were in Shelburne, N. H., Tuesday, the guests of Mrs. Austin's parents.

Mrs. Octavia Bean, who has been the guest of Mrs. Edmund Merrill for some time, returned to her home at East Bethel.

Mrs. Harriet Twaddle has returned to her home after spending some time in Augusta with her daughter, Mrs. Brann and family.

Stephen E. Abbott's entire purebred Jersey herd, numbering eighteen, has successfully passed the Federal tuberculosis test this week.

Mrs. John Gould and Mrs. E. C. Charn, both of Portland returned to their homes, having been the guests of their sister, Mrs. H. M. Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Baker, who have been living at Mrs. M. A. Godwin's farm, are soon to move to Auburn where they have purchased a home.

Mr. Claud Goddard returned from Plymouth, N. H., Monday, where he went to take care of his brother, George Goddard, who is much improved.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Tuesday, April 12, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Benson Norton and little daughter have returned to their home, having been in Bethel to visit Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Herrick.

NATIONAL CAPITAL

Notes of Interest from Washington

By J. E. Jones

VIVIANI

It is interesting to note, the suppressed air of excitement hovering about the National Capital, occasioned by the visit of Rene Viviani, former premier of France. During the war there was a Balfour, or a Northcliffe, or a Foch, being let in at the White House nearly every week. They all got lots of hurrahs from the public and bales of money from the Treasury, and then they went on their way, "to prevent crowding." Americans know little about Viviani, but he has been pulled out of the past to be injected into the future of the international pageant. The Capitol has resounded with his voice Viviani in a way that would almost lead one to believe that a prodigal lost son was showing up.

Viviani announced: "I come to the United States to pay the respects of France to President Harding." To be more precise, the visit is important because it is for the undoubted purpose of attempting to evolve a definite policy for the United States with reference to Europe. France has picked an able son for the task of lining up the United States. When Germany broke over the borders of France in 1914 the attack was upon an unprepared people. France has had a lot of fights in its time; but evidently the country proposes that this time it will discount the future. The country has entered into a hard and fast alliance with Poland, and it seeks similar bonds with England and the United States. France is apparently keen for a league of nations, but while waiting it is engaged in mashing the big battalions. No one can blame them for taking all necessary steps to protect their future existence. Viviani is versed in French diplomacy, and his mission to the United States is for the purpose of securing the closest possible cooperation with our Government in order that his nation may occupy a commanding position in World affairs.

Viviani does not come here to secure a cancellation of the French debt. He is after bigger game than that. How far he can succeed will be apparent later in the reaction of the Administration and the contrary gentlemen who compose the United States Senate.

For more than eight years the well-wishers of former President Taft have been wishing on him the position of Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. But President Woodrow Wilson couldn't see it that way. The agitation has been renewed, and it has broken in all its fury about the head of President Harding. The knowing ones seem certain that Chief Justice White will resign, because of age, and that Mr. Taft will take his place. In Mr. Taft's case the "wish is undoubtedly father of the thought," and his intimate friends declare that his life ambition has been to be Chief Justice.

In the line of popular worry concerning what to do with our ex-presidents no one has indicated any concern about Mr. Wilson, but in time his case will likely become one of popular interest. There has been a persistence of the notion that Mr. Taft would make a great Judge on America's high court. Likely the country will have a chance to find out whether he will or not.

HAYS

Postmaster General Hays is making progress in humanizing the Postoffice. He has been getting in close touch with the employees of the Department, and he is working out an arrangement of mutual interest with the Senate and House Postoffice Committees; besides which he has named an unofficial board of advisers or counselors for mapping out the policy of the postal system. The method is exactly the reverse of that of the late Mr. Burleson, who spent his time during the past eight years in trying to put square pegs in round holes and in attempting other unreasonable and impossible tasks. Mr. Hays hasn't had much to say about politics, and a matter of fact he seems to be concerned about being relieved as the Republican chairman. Nevertheless, Washington opinion credits General Hays with having strong convictions that Republican victors should replace the Democratic vanquished, particularly in the postoffice of importance. The Democrats presumably blanketed all of their men into office. Mr. Hays is credited with an ambition to pull the blankets off.

LA FOLLETTE

It is doubtful if history has ever recorded a more "sworn-at" Senator than Mr. La Follette. In 1912 he stood before the country as one of the leading presidential possibilities, and had it not been for an attack of mental apoplexy at a big meeting in his honor in Philadelphia...

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor
Morning service at 10.45.
Sunday School at 12.00.
Evening service at 7.00.
Friday evening this week there will be a free supper at the church for all members of the parish and all who attend church here. Rev. O. A. Knickerbocker of Waterville will be present and give an address. He comes as a representative of the Maine State Universalist Convention to bring a message from the Convention. It is hoped that every one who can possibly come will be present. Let every man who calls himself a Universalist be sure to be present.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. O. L. Wheaton, Pastor
Morning worship at 10.45, with sermon by the pastor.
Sunday school at noon, A. C. Adams, superintendent.
Junior Missionary Society at 3.30 P. M.
Evening worship at 7.00. The pastor will give the last talk from the Book of Jonah on the subject, "The Great Lesson."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. E. T. Achenbach, Pastor
Thursday, April 7, at 8 o'clock. Meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. C. E. Valentine.
Sunday, April 10, 10.45. Morning worship. Processional and Recessional music by Young People's Chorus, also a special selection by the chorus. Theme of service, "God's Spring Concert." Text, Song of Songs 2:12. "The time of the singing of birds is come."
12.00. Sunday school, superintendent Mr. N. E. Robinson.
4.00. Junior C. E. meeting. Topic, "What we owe to animals." Leader, Adelmear Stearns.

7.00. Meeting in charge of the young people. The pastor will give the first of his Bible talks. Subject, "The Land of the Book."
All invited to all services.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the George Mundy Post of Bethel for their services and kindness, to Rev. H. A. Markley for his comforting address, to the M. E. church of Bethel for the beautiful flowers, and to all friends who assisted us at the time of the service and interment at West Paris of our dear son and brother. Mr. and Mrs. Irving French, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Swett, Bethel, Maine, April 4, 1921.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement. To the Rev. Mr. Curtis for his words of comfort and cheer, to Pleasant Valley Grange for their beautiful flowers, and to Mr. Jack for his courteous and efficient service. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Grover and other relatives.

WEST GREENWOOD

William Lombard recently visited at his home in Whitefield, N. H.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelley were recent guests of his mother, Mrs. Harvey Norton, on Howe Hill.
Leonard Armstrong spent the week end at W. A. Holt's.
Nellie Harrington was in town over the week end.
Orlando Buck processed hay for W. A. Holt, Friday and Saturday of last week.
Alton and Charles Bartlett of Hanover were recent business visitors in town.
F. L. Edwards is driving the pulp wood to the Androscoggin River.
J. P. Harrington sawed wood with his gasoline engine one day last week.
Warren Brooks was at W. A. Holt's, recently.

The selectmen were in town Saturday taking inventory.
The pulpwood surveyor was in this vicinity, Tuesday.
Mary Harrington is at home on her vacation.
Thomas Kennagh, Jr., sawed wood for Prof. Chapman at Bethel, recently.
Several from here attended the dance at Bethel Grange Hall, Friday evening.
Everett and Rodney Cross are attending school at Locke's Mills.
Ellsworth Wilbur was in town, Friday.

Janet Campbell and Gertrude Harrington resumed their studies at Gould's Academy, Tuesday.
Terley Flanders and daughter, Dorothy of Skillington were Sunday visitors at Thomas Kennagh's.

Have your stationery printed at the Citizen office. Prices are satisfactory.

SHOULD THE FARMER ACCEPT 40% DISCOUNT?

A conference between the Maine Cannons' Association and the Executive Committee of the Maine Sweet Corn Growers' Association was held in Portland, March 29th. The price for 1921 was the only question discussed at this session, which lasted nearly five hours.

The Cannons claim that it will be impossible for them to get more than \$1.25 or \$1.30 per dozen for corn for this season and that it is impossible for them to pay over .03 cents for cut corn and this would necessarily be done at a loss to them. At the same time they made the statement that they would be subject to a large over-head expense annually which they could not avoid, in taxes, insurance, repairs and salaries of superintendents, which if they did not operate, was a dead loss. Further should they fail to get a supply of corn they would lose the market which they had been many years in building up, but that they were willing to submit to a reasonable loss for the sake of keeping this business. They further admitted that due to the decrease in the price of sugar, lumber and other materials entering into the cost of canning, there would be a reduction in the cost of canning from these sources, but these with the expropriation of sugar, would be only a very small percentage. They did not offer to reduce their salaries men including clerks, other office help and superintendents, but did ask the farmers for a 40% reduction.

Their proposition was flatly refused by the Executive Committee and after a long discussion it was suggested that a committee of five from the Cannons' Association be appointed to go into conference with the Executive Committee of this Association, to see if any decision could be agreed upon. At this conference the cards of both parties were laid on the table, the packers announcing that they would never open a single factory at .04 cents per pound; that they would pay .03 cents and no more. Mr. George B. Morrill of the Burnham & Morrill Company, announced that at two of his factories the farmers were begging him to open his books at .03 cents, that he could get all the acreage he wanted at this price and that he should put out his books at once and secure it. A private conference of the five men appointed by the packers was held, after which it was announced that they would make a conditional offer of .03 1/2 cents if the Committee of the growers would agree to go home and help them get their acreage at that price. At a price of .03 1/2 cents per pound to the farmer, this would mean an actual loss of three-fourths of one cent per pound according to records accurately kept in 1920, and there is nothing in sight at the present time that would indicate a reduction in the cost of growing for 1921. We were further informed that if we failed to accept this price of .03 1/2 cents we would wreck our Association permanently, but if we accepted, we would be received with open arms by our members upon our return home.

In fairness to all it is just as important to the growers that the market for our sweet corn be maintained as it is for the Cannons, for without the market we cannot grow sweet corn. In consideration of this fact and this alone, the Executive Committee did make a compromise by offering to submit for the consideration of the growers, a price of .04 cents per pound. The Committee feels that after careful thrashing out, and considering all phases of the question, in justice to the business and to the growers, it might be best to accept a sacrifice for the sake of making permanent the industry which means so much to our State. This proposition was flatly refused by the Cannons and an announcement was made by them that they would immediately put out their books at a price of .03 cents and complete the job of wrecking our Association.

The Executive Committee of the State Association accept the challenge of the packers and believe that we will be loyally supported in this act of justice to all. Are you as a local and as individual growers, willing to stand behind us in getting a square deal? Remember the spring of 1919, two years ago, the packers announced that they could not and would not pay over .04 cents per pound and would not open their factories at a price over that, but as a result of cooperative and united stand by the growers, they saw fit to change their minds without contest.

At 5 cents per pound the farmer gets only 3 1/2 cents for the 12 oz. of cut corn in each ear, while at \$1.30 per dozen, the packer gets 10 5/8 cents. For each one cent per pound added to the farmers' price, he gets not over three-fourths of one cent while the consumer pays about 5 cents more. For each one cent decrease per pound to the farmer,

RALPH B. FROST

The remains of Ralph Burton Frost, formerly of Newry, arrived here Friday from France and a military service was conducted Saturday at 10.30 by the George A. Mundy Post of Bethel, with prayer and address by Rev. H. A. Markley. The remains were escorted by the Post and relatives from the Baptist church to the cemetery where the services were held. Private Frost was the only son of Mrs. Carrie Frost French of Bethel and the late Amos Frost. Besides his mother he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Esther Williamson of Sunday River and Mrs. Agnes Swett of Errol, N. H., grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adney Tuell, and uncle, aunt, and other relatives. He entered service at Camp Devens April 26, 1917, and started across July 9, 1917. He was in the 303rd Regiment, was transferred to the 103rd, then to the 58th and then to the 28th Infantry Machine Gun Battalion, being the only boy of the 42 that started with him to pass examination for the Machine Gun Battalion. He was in the battle of St. Mihiel, Meuse, Argonne and Defensive Sector. He was killed in the Meuse-Argonne battle, Nov. 7, 1918, after nearly 60 hours without sleep or food.

The burial was in France and was brought here from Letanne Argonne Cemetery.

Private Frost was a young man of excellent principles and greatly beloved by many friends. He was educated in the public school and Gould's Academy.

The cost of corn in each can is decreased three-fourths of one cent, while the consumer will very likely never know the difference. According to records accurately kept, it cost the farmers 4.28 cents per pound to grow corn in 1920 and this in one of the best years we have known, with an average yield of 2800 pounds as compared with the average yield of a period of five to ten years of only 2000 pounds.

We have suggested a compromise of 20% which equals any compromise that has been requested in any line of business. Your stand will help to maintain, or help to break, the Association. Which shall it be?—O. H. Crawford, Secretary Maine Sweet Corn Growers' Ass'n.

GROVER HILL

Miss Ina Good, who is employed at Clyde Whitman's, has been quite ill, but is improving.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns of Saco spent the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Evander Whitman and son, Robert, from Norway were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitman.

Will and John Judkins have finished cutting timber for Miss Mayberry and returned to South Paris.

Lyman Wheeler sawed Miss Rachel Mayberry's 50-cord wood pile last week.

Karl Stearns is clerking for the Brown Co., on the Clearstream drive near Errol, N. H.

Miss Ethel Grover from Gorham, Me., is the guest of relatives here.

Mr. Roy A. Grover and daughter, Gertrude, from Gorham were in town to attend the funeral of their uncle, Mr. George A. Grover, on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Long, who has been a resident of Alaska for the past fifteen years, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Eliza Long Spinney, and his cousin, Mrs. Bertha Mundy, and family a part of last week.

Mr. Shirley Haseltin, who is at H. R. Mayberry's, had quite an ill turn last week, but is improving at present.

Mrs. C. F. Shaw and daughter from Robinson Hill were at "Cobblestone", Tuesday.

James D. Uhlman and Guy Crouse are cutting cordwood for M. F. Tyler.

Miss Ruth Kendall from Newry was a recent guest of her cousin, Miss Alice Mundy.

Miss Bertha Mundy was the guest of her cousin, Charlotte Kendall, at Sunday River last week.

Mrs. H. A. Lyon and daughters, Eleanor and Elizabeth, were guests of Mr. Frank Haggood and Mrs. Ula Parsons, Sunday.

WEST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Friday, April 1. Mrs. Charles McInnis is caring for them.

Mrs. Helen Tyler spent the week end with her son, Almon, and family at Cobblestone farm.

W. D. Mills was in Lewiston, Thursday.

The schools of West Bethel will begin work April 11 with the same teachers.

Mrs. Archie Mann has returned to her home in Mexico.

Several members of the American Legion attended the funeral of Private Ralph Frost at West Paris, Saturday.

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NORTH PARIS

Deferred

Miss Edith Littlefield is at home for her vacation of a week.

Miss Elizabeth Helli visited her sister, Mrs. James Abbott, last week.

Miss Louie F. Littlefield has returned home from Durham, N. H.

Miss Lillian Walling has returned to her school at North Paris for the spring term.

Miss Rena Curtis has returned to her

work at Mann's mill.

Carl Hollis called on his sister, Monday.

Miss Beatrice Andrews has returned to her school in the King district.

Ray Curtis spent last week at A. D. Littlefield's.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Donald Tebbets was in New York on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Day entertained

NORWAY

Miss Mary L. Whitledge is visiting in Lawrence, Mass.

Pay L. Blake of Stark, N. H., has leased a part of the Norway Auto Sales Company's garage.

Prof. Verne Whitman of Laconia, N. H., is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. C. F. Whitman.

Miss Virginia Tubbs is spending a week in Portland.

Simoon Gupitill of Fryeburg was in town, recently.

Miss Celestine Judkins is visiting her aunt in Auburn.

Robert B. Dow, sub-master of the Lisbon High School, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Conary.

Mrs. Walter F. Tubbs and sister, Mrs. Roy Pratt, are spending a week in Boston with their sister, Mrs. Harry Babcock.

Mrs. Richard Deltrich of Auburn was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Judkins.

Miss Emogene Hunt, who teaches school in Pittsfield, is spending her vacation in town.

Gleason Taylor is at Milo Turner's in Buckfield.

Dr. Harry Nevers of Lawrence, Mass., was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. A. J. Nevers.

Mrs. Elmer Cummings and children of Locke's Mills were recent guests in town.

Jack Anderson, who has been spending the winter in Norway, has returned to his home in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Holman of Portland were in Norway several days last week.

Mrs. Ira Harriman has gone to Caribelle, Montana, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Chrystal Davis.

Miss Mary Dresser of Freeport was a recent guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Manning. The Misses Verna Westleigh and Doris Bradlee were guests of Miss Helen Chase at Bates College last week.

Miss Alice Jacobson has gone to Maynard, Mass., for an extended stay.

The Barton Reading Club met at the home of Mrs. M. Alice Oxnard, Thursday afternoon, with a program in charge of the hostess.

The body of Ernest Henry Woods, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Woods of South Portland, was brought to this village for burial in Pine Grove Cemetery on Monday. The family were former residents of Norway.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Captain William W. Whitmarsh, from the home on Bridge street, attended by Rev. C. G. Miller.

The annual Corporation meeting will be held at Norway Hall, Tuesday evening, April 12, at 7:30 o'clock, for the election of officers and for the transaction of business.

Frank Hinkell and son, Floyd, and Homer Luck, who have been working at the Milllet farm in Millletville, cutting wood, have returned home.

Wilfred G. Conary has moved his office from over Freeport Howe's music store to rooms adjoining Drake and Easton's dental parlors.

Wilbur Downing is clerking at Drake's store at the Falls, taking Jake Klein's place. Mr. Klein has gone to business college in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Waterhouse, who have been spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Rose Ryeon, have returned to South Paris to live.

Prof. Edward H. Brown spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Hills returned home Friday after spending the winter at Whitteville, Mass., and Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Mike Carbin of West Paris was a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Emma Mann who has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Bertha Peterson and Mrs. Jennie Kneeland in Boston have returned home.

Frank Kimball has returned from the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, and is making a fine recovery from a recent surgical operation.

Miss Susan Thibodeau is the guest of relatives in Boston and vicinity during her vacation.

Miss Ethel Nevers is visiting at her home in Freeport.

Howard Chick spent his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chick.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham of Auburn were recent guests of Horace Hussey and family.

The Universalist Sewing Club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bertrand G. McIntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reemps of Bryant's Pond, Sunday.

Marjorie Farwell visited at her home in Middle Intervale, Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Briggs of Albany is taking care of Mrs. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole were in Bethel, Saturday.

Gertrude and Lawrence Tebbets of Auburn are visiting relatives for a week.

Lester Varney of North Buckfield visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Crockett, last week.

Clinton Littlefield has returned home from Sunday River.

The Boy Scouts gave a dance at the hall, Saturday evening. There was a large attendance. \$27.00 was cleared. At intermission coffee and cake were sold.

NORTH WATERFORD

Mr. F. J. Dutton was called home suddenly by the death of his brother in Oldtown, Me.

Mr. Frank Farrington from Berlin was down looking after the Brown Co. business and stopped over night at W. G. Fiske's, also E. W. Carter from Bethel was there and stayed over night.

Mr. Edgar Morris from Berlin was down Wednesday looking after the interests of the Brown Lumber Co.

Mr. J. W. Dresser and daughter, Mary, from Freeport visited at Will Fiske's, Saturday.

Mrs. Callahan, who has been quite sick, is some better.

Jesse Littlefield is not as well.

Lewis Brown and family were guests at his uncle's, Jesse Littlefield's, Saturday night and Sunday.

John Grover has been visiting his mother and sister at Norway a few days.

Mrs. Henrietta Whitecomb, who has been quite sick a few days, is a little better.

The Circle will be entertained at the vestry next Tuesday by Mrs. Bertha Saunders and Mrs. Bernice Littlefield. The farce, "The Packing of the Home Missionary Barrel," with the following cast of characters:

Mrs. Brown, the hostess, Myra Cheever

Mrs. Dumps, short and stout,

Florence Card

Miss Flinn, a simpering spinster,

Ann Hazelton

Mrs. Green, a bossier,

Grace Elliott

Mrs. Jones, a confirmed invalid,

Rilla Marston

Mrs. Lamb, a widow,

Ethel Lovejoy

Mrs. Marks, willing helper,

Alta Perkins

Mrs. White, willing helper, Ella Charles

Mrs. Hicks, a strong minded woman,

Martha Savin

Sophie, a Polish girl, Kate Saunders

Earl Fuller Matherson of Waterville

has been a guest of his cousins, Marjorie and Donald Matherson and Mrs. Carlton Barker.

CLEVELAND'S FRIENDLY INN

The following article, taken from the Cleveland Town Topics, will surely interest Bethel people, when they know that this wonderful work was aided during her life-time by the mother of Mr. Wm. Bingham, 2nd and that a suite of kindergarten rooms is supported as her memorial. Other members of the family are still active workers.

To those who have met Dr. Gehring's genial brother-in-law, Mr. Wentworth G. Marshall of Cleveland, it will not be difficult to recognize the friend of the Friendly Inns in Cleveland, and upon his great estate of six hundred acres in Northfield, O.

An Unusual Afternoon Tea

To be served by a procession of most efficient little Greek, Syrian and Italian maidens, bearing cups of fragrant tea, and delicious English cheese-cakes, and followed by dancers in classical tunics, waving flower wreaths in rhythm, was certainly a unique experience to guests from New England's less cosmopolitan environment. Such was a delightful hour at the Friendly Inn last Friday afternoon.

An inspection of the work carried on

FATHER FOUND TWO-YEAR OLD BOY VERY SICK

Was Thin, No Appetite, Had Swollen Lips, Stomach Pains, Itching Nose

A hardy woodsman and enthusiastic fisherman, Joseph K. Lane, of Lincoln, Maine, has a very interesting record to report. He writes: "As a boy, thirty-seven years ago, I began to take Dr. True's Elixir. Once after six months hauling logs, I came out of the woods and found my two-year-old boy very sick. He was thin, had no appetite, had swollen lips, pains in stomach, an itching nose, was suffering from constipation, for months.

"I had not been in the house an hour when an elderly lady—a good neighbor—came in and told my wife to get a bottle of Dr. True's Elixir, saying she had seen numbers of similar cases which it had relieved.

"My boy was given a half dozen doses of Elixir when he passed a lot of little worms, and right away began to show improvement; he began soon to eat with a relish, play around and look healthy. He did not have to take a full bottle, and in later years, whenever he got off his feed, a few doses would straighten him out quick.

"When I got constipated, a couple of teaspoons of Dr. True's Elixir six times a day.

"My son is grown up now and has a family of six children, and he has practically raised his family on Dr. True's Elixir. The children go out and get hold of something not good for them. It's hard to watch all the children, and so when they eat something they shouldn't and get sick, the Elixir is given and the family is put in good shape again. "If I have any of the papers you have to take a half dozen bottles of some remedies, but you don't have to do this with Dr. True's Elixir. Simply a few

in this wonderfully well managed charity is to arouse enthusiasm and awaken courage.

For over thirty years this has been an oasis of real, living Christianity in the desert life of a great city. With every member of the original burden-bearers having gone on into the Endless Life, this work has been carried on in increasing value and breadth and has added one more strand to the golden cord of hope underlying the present world sadness.

To these faithful, consecrated executive women there came a great wave of generous giving from a man whose heart could not bear the strain of seeing children, to whom a grass blade was a revelation, suffer through neglect.

There came a crisis in the affairs of the Friendly Inn, when the roof of a porch had ceased to be possible as a garden, and the crying need for stifling children was fresh air and grass.

To an appeal for "advice" came this reply. "Take as much of my land as you need. I know of a man who will build a home. Shall it be old Colonial?"

For over four years, more than three hundred children, in changing groups, have lived some summer days as this man meant they should live. By June 15th an additional building will make glad sixty more, and still more plans are on the immediate horizon, which include a swimming pool; while the latest happy thought is to create a cottage-home where tired girls may "rest on their

doses and then quick relief. The three generations of Lanes have been kept healthy by using it."



JOSEPH K. LANE

Nearly every grown up and every child needs a Laxative. The fond parents safeguard the health of their children by keeping their bowels in condition. In Dr. True's Elixir only pure herbs are used. No harmful drugs. Keep the bowels regular by using Dr. True's Elixir. At all dealers. 3 sizes. Buy the larger size.—Adv.

way and be their best," during the summer's hard days.

"Signs of a New World" was the powerful theme by a noted pastor in a Cleveland church on Palm Sunday. It caused every hearer to face new conditions surely awaiting us. Underlying all that must change, no greater hope fills our hearts than signs of a Living Power for Righteousness which will as surely triumph over the present-day evil as the work of twelve fishermen permeated the impregnable Roman Empire.

By such persuasive wisdom and generous giving as is so lovingly shown by this work of unusual women in this earliest Settlement House in the Middle West, are Americans being created. No legislation ever devised can equal what such centers of civilization, warmed in to having forces by an unselfish action, can accomplish in this coming "New World," which, despite ourselves, everyone of us is to meet.

It will not take clever, broad-minded men many years to know where to find powerful coadjutors for humanitarian plans wherein absolute freedom from self-seeking is coupled with wonderful inventive efficiency. To recognize that there are Friendly Inns in Cleveland and Northfield, joined to similar centers of powerful influence in this fine, generous city, is to set in motion great winnowing, cleansing wings, which will help sweep away the dust of this troubled world of today and reveal the shaft of "clear-shining," which are the searchlights of God's purposes for mankind.

When they ask for more -- they give the finest tribute that can be paid to the housewife who prides herself on her baking. The finest tribute paid to

WILLIAM TELL FLOUR

is the fact that after a woman has used it once, she wants it again. From that time on, she judges all flours by William Tell and no other flour will satisfy her.

William Tell wins its favor because it is always clean and pure and fine.

Be sure of best results by using William Tell.

It costs no more to use the best. Just tell your grocer—William

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WEST PARIS

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. King, N. H., have been guests of Mr. Bert Day and other friends.

Mrs. Sarah Devine is ill. About forty couples attended the dance Wednesday evening at the Athletic Association.

Schools opened Monday morning. Mrs. Ella Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Lang attended the funeral of Cole's daughter at Stark, N. H. The deceased was aged 10 years.

Mrs. Olive J. Cummings, of Bethel, and Mrs. Zilpha Barrows, of

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Petro-Tan is without Burns, Insect Bites, the skin.

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Children's Dresses brays and Gingham

Overalls, we have

Work Gloves and

WEST PARIS

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. King of Gorham, N. H., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Day and other friends.

Mrs. Sarah Devine is ill from grippe. About forty couples attended the party dance Wednesday evening given by the Athletic Association.

Schools opened Monday morning. Mrs. Ella Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lang attended the funeral of Mrs. Cole's daughter at Stark, N. H., last week. The deceased was also a sister of Mrs. Lang.

Mrs. Olive J. Cummings and daughter, Zilpha Barrows, are visiting in Portland.

land.

The Easter exercises at the Federated church were held Sunday at 3 P. M., and were very good.

The annual meeting of the Federated church was held Tuesday evening of last week. The committee of twelve chosen for the coming year are as follows: Baptists—F. L. Wyman, D. A. Grover, Mrs. M. N. Coburn, Mrs. A. W. White, Frances Littlehale, Ora Bonney, Methodist—C. D. Curtis, Mrs. Laura McKee, J. E. Brock, Ethel Brock, Alfred Andrews, George Cole.

Pastor H. H. Hathaway read his resignation. All the reports showed good

work done. Finances all met and better. Both churches and the parsonage are to be wired for electric lights. A raise in pastor's salary is being considered.

SKILLINGTON

Fan Sanborn, Katie Barker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Flanders and Lizzie Griffin were Sunday callers on Maud Sanborn.

Charles Wheeler was home over Sunday. Mrs. Foley is visiting her sister in Portland for a few days.

Mr. Wm. Foley has been away on a business trip. Mrs. P. C. Flanders was at Mrs. Gerald Smith's, Sunday.

SOUTH PARIS

Mrs. J. B. Robinson of South Sumner has been visiting relatives in town. Mrs. Gertrude Thayer and son, Stanley, were recent guests of F. A. Delano and family in Oxford.

Robert W. Wheeler has been appointed a notary public by Governor Percival P. Baxter.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Oscar Barrows, Thursday at 2:30 P. M.

W. H. Small of Dixfield was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Lucinda Small, and other relatives in town.

Mrs. Charlotte J. Rawson returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks with her son, E. J. Rawson, in Mexico.

Mrs. Kate Stuart entertained the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Deering Memorial church, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Atwood, who have been in Florida for the past two months, returned home last week.

Charles H. Kimball has sold his farm on the Stony brook road to Roscoe Slatery of Hebron.

Miss Alice Knight has returned to South Paris from Cape Coddock, where she has been for some time.

The Patterson blacksmith shop on east Main street has been sold to Nathan O. McKee.

Albert E. Dean is in the Deaconess Hospital in Boston, where he has undergone a surgical operation. Mrs. Dean and daughters, Mrs. Neal and Dorothy Dean, are in Boston with him.

The Kuppel Klub held their annual banquet at Hotel Andrews, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, with twenty-three present. A very delicious menu was served.

Mrs. Lillian E. Blair, wife of John S. Blair, passed away early Friday morning, at her home on Church street.

Mrs. Blair was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Dawes of Harrison. She married Mr. Blair, March 30, 1901. She was a member of the Baptist church and was also a member of Mt. Pleasant Rehearsal Lodge. She is survived by her husband, her father Alanson Dawes of Harrison, two brothers, John M. Dawes of Everett, Mass., and Leman Dawes of Harrison, and one sister, Mrs. George Flint of Harrison. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon attended by Rev. G. H. Newton. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

ROAD BUILDING

MOTORTRUCKS AND HIGHWAYS

Farmer Enabled to Secure Better Prices by Delivering Products Direct to Market.

There is a worthy movement on foot for better roads. Every business man, every home provider and every motorist should support it. Good roads benefit all classes of people in their everyday life.

This vast country has grown so enormously and so fast that its railroads cannot deliver the goods nor carry the people as the prosperity of the country and present demands require.

With good roads the farmer can deliver all his products direct to towns within a radius of fifty or more miles and though making more profit himself, he is reducing the high cost of living.

The merchant is able to take advantage of new sources of supply, to buy his stock under favorable conditions, and give it on sale to his customers in less time than he could have secured delivery by the slower and costlier railway express and freight services. With motortrucks he can then re-deliver to his customers and give better service over a larger territory. Automobile delivery will increase his business, lessen his costs and increase his profits.

Millions of dollars are lost every year through perishable goods spoiling on the railroads, because of freight delays and complications. In many cities motortrucks over distances of 100 or more miles have already become a profitable business where good roads exist. Single large firms have actually saved over \$100,000 yearly by using motortrucks and they will undoubtedly contribute largely to organized improvement of roads.

Good roads are a paying investment. Local authorities in cities, towns and counties should act without delay to meet the growing national and local demands before trade goes in other directions. It is almost impossible to get back the lost advantage after other districts have won it.

This country has more than 6,000,000 automobile owners, one to every 18 of the population, and about 15 of those ride in automobiles.

Owners will not go where bad roads exist and risk costly damage to their cars, not only to tires, but to the battery equipment used for starting, lighting and ignition. With ignition gone wrong a car cannot travel—Southern Good Roads.

HAUL ON UNIMPROVED ROADS

Average Cost Per Ton Mile Estimated at 22.7 Cents—Average Haul Was 0.4 Miles.

In 1900 the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture deduced an average cost per ton mile of 22.7 cents based upon replies from inquiries sent to about 2,600 county correspondents. The average haul reported was 0.4 miles. Since at this time less than 8 per cent of the roads in this country were improved, these figures indicate the average cost of hauling on unimproved roads.

FARMERS' "MUD TAX" HEAVY

Slogan Adopted by Good Roads Advocates of Alabama in Campaign for Needed Funds.

"The heaviest tax the farmer pays is the mud tax."

This is the slogan adopted by the good roads advocates of Alabama in their campaign to put across a 12-year \$50,000,000 road-building program. The farmers were shown that good roads would benefit them in a dollar-and-cents way, besides bringing them many advantages which they never had before.

Like the balky mule, the almighty dollar refuses to move where mud and mire constitute the road from field to farm and from farm to market.

Farm Values Doubled.

In many communities farm values have almost doubled when roads have been improved.

Everything Better.

Better schools and better roads mean better farms and better farmers.

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GLENS FALLS INSURANCE COMPANY, GLENS FALLS, N. Y.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Real Estate, \$226,406.55
Mortgage Loans, 1,730,277.00
Collateral Loans, 73,192.50
Stocks and Bonds, 6,201,996.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 551,491.24
Agents' Balances, 907,853.53
Interest and Rents, 76,824.07
All other Assets, 294,808.49

Gross Assets, \$10,128,850.58
Deduct items not admitted, 28,240.78

Admitted Assets, \$10,100,609.80
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,924,249.19
Unearned Premiums, \$4,888,608.94
All other Liabilities, 586,416.95
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,718,139.81

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$10,100,609.80

3-24-31-F

LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Mortgage Loans, \$55,050.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 747,914.96
Premiums in Collection, 59,803.37
Interest and Rents, 3,101.02
All other Assets, 9,254.52

Gross Assets, \$1,182,064.77
Deduct items not admitted, 16,981.54

Admitted Assets, \$1,165,083.23
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$290,169.00
Unearned Premiums, 440,907.09
All other Liabilities and Reserves, 127,795.70
Surplus over all Liabilities, 306,822.44

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,165,083.23

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FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, 1 Montgomery St., Jersey City, N. J.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Mortgage Loans, \$26,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 4,487,127.83
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,196,440.08
Agents' Balances, 1,009,011.03
Interest and Rents, 55,441.85
All other Assets, \$41,775.67

Gross Assets, \$7,314,835.38
Deduct items not admitted, 909,415.76

Admitted Assets, \$6,405,419.62
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,531,546.19
Unearned Premiums, 2,136,103.89
All other Liabilities, 389,419.45
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,338,359.69

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,405,419.62

3-31-31-Gs

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NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of Alvin Smith late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

DANIEL H. SMITH, Bethel, Maine
February 22nd, 1921 3-19-31-P

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Georgianna M. Smith late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

DANIEL H. SMITH, Bethel, Maine
February 22nd, 1921 3-19-31-P

MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Concord, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Real Estate, \$26,450.00
Mortgage Loans, 11,325.00
Stocks and Bonds, 694,957.35
Cash in Office and Bank, 34,249.81
Agents' Balances, 35,765.12
Interest and Rents, 7,662.74

Gross Assets, \$820,410.02
Deduct items not admitted, 103,620.52

Admitted Assets, \$716,889.50
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$20,591.13
Unearned Premiums, 470,367.95
All other Liabilities, 15,993.13
Surplus over all Liabilities, 215,937.38

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$716,889.50

3-31-31-S

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, Baltimore, Md.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Real Estate, \$1,488,459.18
Mortgage Loans, 55,300.00
Collateral Loans, 93,544.92
Stocks and Bonds, 10,983,130.62
Cash in Office and Bank, 5,578,487.34
Agents' Balances, 6,990,642.04
Interest and Rents, 251,553.20
All other Assets, 957,166.45

Gross Assets, \$32,998,289.75
Deduct items not admitted, 2,061,163.28

Admitted Assets, \$30,937,126.47
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$9,694,694.93
Unearned Premiums, 10,240,491.90
All other Liabilities, 1,799,800.86
Cash Capital, 4,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 4,382,069.78

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$30,937,126.47

W. J. Wheeler & Co., South Paris 3-31-31-F

THE LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., Mansfield, Ohio

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Real Estate, \$100,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 306,850.00
Collateral Loans, 25,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 788,014.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 301,320.49
Agents' Balances, 130,829.87
Interest and Rents, 13,480.62
All other Assets, 500.00

Gross Assets, \$1,795,800.98
Deduct items not admitted, \$162,808.00

Admitted Assets, \$1,632,992.98
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$903,149.74
Unearned Premiums, 42,038.00
All other Liabilities, 617,805.24
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,735,800.98

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,735,800.98

3-31-31-F

THE COLUMBIAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., Boston, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Real Estate, \$1,078,448.17
Mortgage Loans, 2,660,703.00
Stocks and Bonds, 11,373,521.56
Cash in Office and Bank, 494,826.29
Agents' Balances, 86,575.19
Interest and Rents, 330,605.15
All other Assets, 3,659,332.54

Gross Assets, \$19,579,101.89
Deduct items not admitted, 553,718.28

Admitted Assets, \$19,025,383.61
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$76,079.73
Unearned Premiums, 15,078,729.70
Net Reserve Life Dept., 21,603,082.00
All other Liabilities, 317,300.52
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 214,922.67

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$19,025,383.61

3-31-31-F

THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, 650 Main St., Hartford, Connecticut

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Mortgage Loans, \$2,803,776.00
Collateral Loans, 405,815.05
Stocks and Bonds, 8,498,458.09
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,560,050.94
Agents' Balances, 1,882,635.91
Bills Receivable, 11,158.98
Interest and Rents, 162,311.90
All other Assets, 167,418.76

Gross Assets, \$15,481,574.69
Deduct items not admitted, 40,407.76

Admitted Assets, \$15,441,166.93
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$3,397,298.54
Unearned Premiums, 6,332,218.48
All other Liabilities, 961,931.74
Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,349,638.17

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$15,441,166.93

3-31-31-F

Merrill & Hastings, Fryeburg

Matthew McCarthy, Rumford

Rumford Falls Ins. Agency, Rumford

W. J. Wheeler & Co., South Paris 3-31-31-F

TRADERS & MECHANICS INSURANCE CO., LOWELL, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920

Mortgage Loans, \$10,443.00
Stocks and Bonds, 436,200.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 26,479.37
Agents' Balances, 21,902.47
Interest and Rents, 3,833.85
All other Assets, \$10.00

Gross Assets, \$480,125.55
Deduct items not admitted, 51,768.99

Admitted Assets, \$428,356.56
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920

Net Unpaid Losses, \$9,947.63
Unearned Premiums, 259,324.95
All other Liabilities, 6,327.43
Surplus over all Liabilities, 177,867.16

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$447,366.56

3-31-31-F

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MAINE

CONCERNING WATER POWER

There is no doubt that the 80th Maine Legislature is now awake. In the opinion of some it has been half-dreaming along for a couple of months, but the body was brought up with a start last week when Governor Baxter in a special message did the alarm-clock act.

The message was the one in which the Chief Executive urges the adoption of a Constitutional amendment that will put the State in a position to become the owner of any or all water powers developed or undeveloped. The Governor also proposes to have the State create a new element of property, that is, power, and would also give the State the authority to tax this power, whether developed or undeveloped, in any way it saw fit and without limit.

Members of the Legislature and others had been looking for some sort of an utterance on the water power question, but when it did not appear, and the end of the session was practically in sight, the Solons naturally concluded that the Chief Executive had decided to abide by the recommendation of the Water Power Commission that more time be taken for investigating the subject.

And then, with adjournment only three weeks away, the Governor came forth with his message in which he proposed the most radical step ever put up to a law-making body in the Pine Tree State.

It is no more than natural, then, that the law-makers have concluded there is something doing. They have gone no farther than that and have decided there must be something doing, but in an entirely different way from the one suggested by the Governor.

Spring has actually come. The Legislature cannot hang around Augusta for a long time and yet, with a question that concerns everyone in the State, the members of the 80th Legislature are called on to give their approval in a scant three weeks or less and to recommend that the Constitution ought to be amended and the State should go into the hydro-electric business as well as embark on a new orgy of untried taxation laws.

With a situation like this developed, the chief topic of conversation at the State House, the Augusta House and everywhere else where the members of the Legislature congregate is the message, the proposed amendment and the far-reaching consequence to the industries of the State. So far as a canvass of the legislators themselves can be made, the opinion seems to prevail that the whole question should be let severely alone until the State has more information at its disposal. Those senators and representatives who returned home last Friday and Saturday for the week end found this out, for they had a chance to talk with "the folks" and they have also been receiving letters on the subject.

"What we want to know is," said one member from up-state in discussing the question in the lobby, "is why this matter was dumped on us at this time in the session."

Other members feel the same way and they refer to the message of Governor Baxter in which he says: "It was my intention to submit this amendment to you at an earlier date, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented my doing so." The Legislators would like to know what those circumstances were. They feel quite generally that when Governor Baxter was a member of the Senate and before his elevation to the gubernatorial chair through the death of Governor Parkhurst he had an opportunity to submit this constitutional amendment. He has been Governor since the 31st day of January and they think that he could have taken the matter up a month ago.

"There have been two investigations of the water power situation in Maine," said one old member. "One was made in 1917 under the authority of the Governor and Council by the Public Utilities Commission. This Commission then said that it could not recommend State ownership and declared that the question was so big and broad that a thorough and long inquiry should be pursued."

"The Maine Water Power Commission created by the Legislature of 1919 has made an investigation and submitted its report. This body too, urges against State ownership of the water powers and says that, with more time for a thorough investigation, a method might be devised that would improve the storage condition now existing."

A striking feature of the report of the Maine Water Power Commission is being pointed out by the legislators. The chief engineer of the commission says: "Wishing to adequately check our conclusions on a matter of such far-reaching importance to the State, it was felt that specialists in engineering and in the application of engineering principles to hydraulic and electrical development should be consulted. It is believed that no higher authority exists today than Engineering Council, the central organization representing the four great national Engineering Societies, which was created to give advice and counsel in public matters relating to engineering. Our opinions were submitted to the Council with a request that they approve or disapprove and

make such further suggestions as seemed to them desirable. The matter was then referred to the Committee on Water Conservation. The reply of the Council is appended hereto in full and is believed to be worthy of careful consideration by the Commission and the Legislature."

The report of the Engineering Council is a long one, but in it the experts say: "In general, development by private capital is preferable to development by the State. The constitutional competency of the State to engage in the business of developing water powers is a legal question and not within our province. If we may consider only the economic aspects of the question, we believe it to be undesirable to invest public funds in commercial enterprises, but that prosperity is best promoted when the State encourages and protects alike both private initiative and the public interest."

The Engineering Council further says that the Maine Water Power Commission should continue its investigation until it has every bit of data available that can be secured and that not until that time can a definite plan be proposed.

But while the merits of the constitutional amendment proposed by Governor Baxter are, in a measure, being discussed, the big question just now with the Legislators is whether or not the 80th Legislature should, to use a homely expression, "pass the buck" to the people.

There is a genuine feeling that this should not be done. A big majority of the legislators are of the opinion that no resolution proposing the suggested amendment should be passed at this session.

"In other matters in the past," said a member from down east, "it has been a favorite practice to let the people settle the whole question on a referendum, but not on a constitutional question. As I understand our duty, the Constitution provides that when the Legislature by a two-thirds vote of both houses deems 'it necessary,' it may propose amendments to the Constitution." I maintain that there is no necessity now for proposing any amendment on the water power question.

"The Legislature has in its possession two separate reports on the subject. Neither one makes any definite recommendation. Both advise the most careful inquiry and study of the question and the second report, that of the Water Power Commission, urges its continuance in office so that the matter may be completely discussed and exact data secured."

"If this Water Power Commission which has been engaged two years continuously on the problem, is unable to furnish a definite plan, how can we legislators, in the space of three weeks, conscientiously say that an amendment to the Constitution is 'necessary' and 'propose' one that, so far as we can tell, does not meet the situation at all." This opinion is shared by many other members of the Legislature. They declare, and in this the "folks back home" in letters are backing them up, that no resolution for a constitutional amendment should be proposed at this time. To do so, would imply that the Legislature favored the provision in the amendment and the Legislators cannot, they themselves say, with the meagre information at their disposal, advocate a change which would make Maine line up with North Dakota in its mad state-ownership plans.

NORTH HARTFORD

Born to the wife of Fred Cash a son, April 4. Mrs. Cash's mother, Mrs. Bessie Carey, is employed as nurse.

Charlie Trask worked for P. A. Day, export loading cars recently.

Evelyn Forbes has returned from a visit in Buckfield with relatives and friends.

School opened at Tyler Corner, Monday, April 4th, Miss Hazel Gammon teacher.

Little Ethelyn Davenport is making an extended visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Davenport, and her aunt, Wilma Richardson of Canton.

Miss Georgia Witham has returned to her work at Jennie Brown's after a few days stay with her parents in Weld.

Robert Henry and sister, Mrs. Ruth Miller, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Lucy Eastman, of Jefferson, N. H.

Mrs. Ethel F. West of Lewiston is visiting her mother, Mrs. Florence Fletcher, and family.

Mrs. Helen Mitchell has returned home from a pleasant visit spent with her sister, Mrs. May Brewer, of Salem, Mass.

Stanley Sawyer and family will move this week from Hartford to Bangor, where they plan to make their home.

Mrs. Arthur Godding is in poor health this spring.

Percy Davenport was a recent visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emily Davenport, of Canton.

Emily Davenport and daughter, Wilma, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Anson Cash.

Mrs. Charles E. Richardson left Monday for Boston to be a guest of Miss Mary N. Richardson. From there she will go to Plymouth for a week's visit with friends and later to Lenox, Mass., to attend the wedding of her son, Geo. E. Grover, on April 19. Mrs. Hattie E.

Grover, who has been spending the winter with Mrs. Richardson, has recovered from her illness sufficiently to accompany her as far as Portsmouth and will visit a niece, Mrs. H. B. Palmer, at York Harbor for a few weeks before going to her home at Waltham, Mass.

Samuel Webster is in very poor health this spring.

Sheldon and Florence Sawyer, who are attending Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston have been spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enos Sawyer, and family of Hartford.

Mrs. O. M. Richardson and daughter, Ruth, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Harold E. Parsons and family of Hartford.

Mrs. Helen M. Mitchell has purchased the tenement house on Lake street owned by Mrs. Marion Smith.

Lawrence E. Poland and family arrived Saturday from their home in Roxbury, Mass., to their summer home at North Hartford. Mr. Poland plans to make extensive improvements at Green Acres this season.

Many improvements are being made at Pinewood Camp this season by enlarging the dining room and several new cabins are to be built.

Miss Winnetta Burnell is a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess, of Frye.

Mr. Ralph French of Auburn was a recent guest of Miss Reba Crockett.

SONGO POND

Mrs. Bryce Kimball wishes to thank all her friends who remembered her with a post card on her birthday, Mar. 24. She received 54 cards.

Mr. Keith Weymouth is teaching the Songo school and boarding with Mrs. Carlton Saunders.

Mrs. Tom Logan and children were guests of her father, Roscoe Emery, last week.

George Morey, Mrs. Carlton Saunders and two children and Miss Edith Wilbur were caller at Tom Logan's, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyon of Bethel were week end guests at the Haggood farm.

Frank Haggood met with a painful accident one day last week when a horse stepped on his foot, injuring it quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kimball went to Chelsea, Mass., March 25, to visit his sister, Mrs. R. F. Smith, who is in very poor health. They also visited in Dracut Centre, Mass., Hudson, N. H., and Portland.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

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Philadelphia, he might have landed the Republican nomination. Now he is sixty-five years old, and though of fine physique and mentality, the close of the Harding Administration will find him at an age beyond which men nowadays are apt to aspire to the Presidency. A lot of fault is being found with Senator La Follette at this time because he has blocked confirmation of the appointment of John J. Esch as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The general belief is that the difference between Senator La Follette and Mr. Esch, until recently a Congressman from Wisconsin, are personal and political. At one time they were intimate friends. But Senator La Follette uses the Esch appointment as a basis for making a new attack upon the railroad management of the country, which he says rests in the hands of about twenty-five men. Of course that is popular kind of stuff and makes a hit with those who cry "down with the corporations." Just now Mr. La Follette is being quoted throughout the country. It all goes to show how facile and forgetful the public mind; for it is unnecessary to recall the unpopularity of the Wisconsin Senator less than two years ago. The up-and-downs of Senator La Follette's career are largely recorded in the pages of tragedies but a lot of people who resolutely refuse to agree with him at any time, insist that "he must be smart."

EASTER EGGS AND WAR

Everyone has felt that the "scrows" were down pretty tight during the period of the war. In Washington the restrictions were unusually exacting. There were special guards everywhere

and "admission by pass only" was the rule rather than the exception. The throwing open of the White House gates immediately following the inauguration of President Harding had a fine effect upon the spirit of the Capital, and the Easter egg-rolling on the White Lot was welcomed with an enthusiasm this year that has never been exhibited in any year in all history. It is said that 50,000 children, white and black, took their Easter eggs to the White House grounds; and when they were through the place looked like a huge omelet.

With the repeal of all wartime legislation on March 3, and the dropping of most of the wartime customs, there is a noticeable return to what President Harding calls normalcy; and this extends not only to the affairs connected with Government, but reaches out into every phase of national life.

PAPER BULLETS

When President Harding asked Mr. Hoover to become Secretary of Commerce the latter stipulated that he would accept providing he could "reorganize" the Department. To which suggestion President Harding agreed. Before March was over Mr. Hoover outlined a policy with reference to trade with soviet Russia. The next day Secretary Hughes talked an hour before the Cabinet on "foreign relations," and his discourse is said not to have been in agreement with Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover is a little more conspicuous than some of the other new men that have come to Washington, but his statements and utterances fit the query of William Shakespeare: "Shall guile and sentences and these paper bullets of the brain awe a man from the career of his humor?"

SPECIAL NEW ENGLAND CROP REPORT

With some exceptions mainly near important industrial centers there is plenty of labor available for farm work at wages averaging about one third less than last year. First class labor yet commands good wages, being in demand, while the less satisfactory and indifferent is finding difficulty to obtain employment. Notable improvement in the attitude of labor and the quality of service given is quite general. Some farms temporarily closed will be worked this year.

Throughout most of New England supplies of seeds, tools, machinery and fertilizer are ample. Prices of seeds are much lower than last year—grass seeds about half, potatoes three quarters, others about one quarter. Some small reductions in tool and machinery prices are reported, but farmers regard them as yet prohibitively high, and there are few sales. Mixed fertilizer prices are somewhat lower, but not enough to induce the usual buying. Chemical prices are relatively much lower and sales for home mixing are larger. In Connecticut a liberal supply of cotton seed meal

at favorable prices has stimulated purchases. With few exceptions the 1920 crops were grown at peak costs, and the heavy slump in prices of most crops came before any large per centage had been marketed. This means that farmers have taken big losses quite generally, and these with the uncertainty regarding the future make the farmers cautious in planning their 1921 acreage. However, there are some bright spots in the situation—for one thing, the dairy-men have been prosperous, although the open winter, more cows, and decreased demand have produced a milk surplus. Feed costs are much lower, but meat cattle prices are greatly reduced with practically no market in many places, otherwise the number would perhaps decrease. The milk surplus presents some hard problems, yet most dairymen have good courage and believe that conditions will improve. There is some demand for a protective tariff on dairy products, onions, tobacco and potatoes. Live stock came out of winter in good condition. Early arrival of weather favorable for farm work has given tone and hope to farmers, and although there is vigorous complaint about certain conditions unfavorable to them, they are disposed to hold their 1921 crop acreages well up to those of last year. No increases seem likely. Unless hurt by the recent cold peniches are expected to be a good crop, and apples at least fair.

Potato growers and dealers in Aroostook County, Maine, are divided in their opinion as to the 1921 acreage of this crop, but the majority believe it will equal, if not exceed last year's. Elsewhere in Maine and the rest of New England the acreage is likely to decrease somewhat. Only a small percentage of the growers sold their 1920 crop soon enough to realize the profit which early prices would have shown them. In this connection the New York Packer comments: "The government crop reports are usually correct for potatoes. I do not believe that they are off enough to misrepresent the general price situation once in 20 years—the wise man will be a student, use others' experience and sell in years of large excess production as fast and as long and as early as anybody will buy." Close observers in Aroostook have made similar comments. Acreage of Connecticut valley onions and tobacco is expected to decrease slightly, and some shifting in the acreage of other crops is probable.

Discussing the position of the New England farmer, President E. H. Thompson of the Federal Land Bank, Springfield, Mass., says, in part: "Although New England farmers in common with all others engaged in agriculture this year, have suffered from the severe decline in farm prices, they have not felt this loss nearly as badly as farmers in a one-crop region. Most of our New England farmers have a diversified business and on the whole they are in a good, sound position today. Interest collections as indicated on the thousands of loans made through the Federal Land Bank have been excellent. Even out of \$900,000 in loans in Aroostook County, Maine, a district which has suffered severely from the low price on potatoes, this past spring, there is only one interst payment of \$292 which is a single day overdue."

New England farmers have been and are ready to stand their full share of the burdens of readjustment, realizing that in due time conditions in all lines of business must improve. They expect that lower prices for their products will continue, and what they want most is the establishment of a new, and equitable balance between the prices of their products and the prices of commodities which they must buy. Present prices of fertilizer and numerous other supplies they buy remain disproportionately high. Teamwork on the part of all lines of business is needed to smooth out these difficulties.—V. A. Sanders, New England Field Agent.

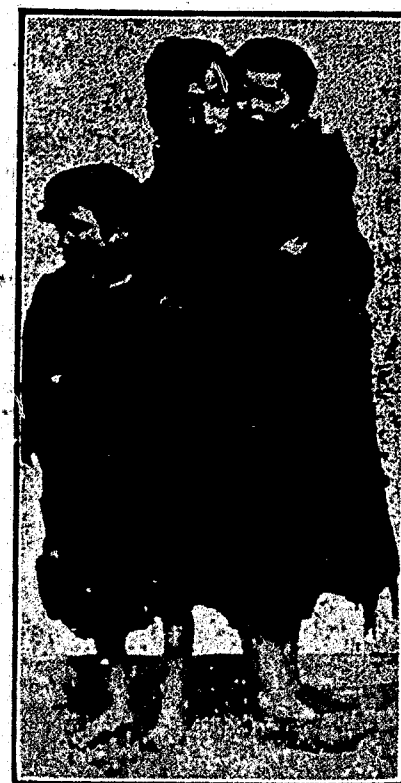
MR. HARDING ENDORSES SCOUTS

President-elect Warren G. Harding in a letter addressed to Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, member of the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America, gives his enthusiastic endorsement of the boy scout movement and expresses the wish that every boy in America might be in the organization. This is Mr. Harding's letter: "I am with the scout movement heart and soul. It is an organization teaching of spirit of service and honor which we must always have in our citizenship. It is a school of our democracy because in it standing is won only by taking the equal opportunity given all individuals to show their own merit, capacity and worth. I wish every boy in our America could have the advantage and the honor of being in the boy scout organization and of learning therein that co-operation, justice, the customs of fair play and the gentleness of good manner, make for peace and growth as distinguished from the results of disorganization and selfishness and cowardice which lead to contentions and conflict."

When Mr. Harding enters the White House he will automatically become honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, as has each president since the organization. Retiring presidents become honorary vice presidents of the boy scouts. In addition to being an honorary vice president, President Roosevelt was chief scout citizen at the time of his death.

Red Cross Is Calling On Women To Mobilize In Nation-wide Sewing Circle

Announces Plans For Great Production Campaign To Help Clothe Destitute Childhood of Central European Countries



Three Little Warsaw Waifs

They have never known anything but lack; always cold and always hungry. The mute story of their suffering is read in their faces. The fact that these three children are but a tiny portion of the hundreds of thousands whose position is no better and often worse has resulted in plans by the American Red Cross for mobilizing its workers to make garments for the destitute childhood of Central Europe.

The American Red Cross is calling upon the women of this country, particularly the hundreds of thousands who served in its Chapter and Branch workrooms during the days of the World War, to mobilize again in a nation-wide sewing circle for the greatest production campaign since before the Armistice.

The purpose of the campaign, the plans for which were announced this week, is to provide 2,000,000 garments and 250,000 layettes for a portion of the hundreds of thousands of children and babies in countries of Central Europe who are clad only in meager rags and even in newspapers. The conditions, according to authentic information from Red Cross workers overseas and representatives of other relief organizations, are truly appalling.

New England's Share

The production of the garments and layettes asked for will supplement the two principal relief efforts in progress in Europe today, the feeding program of the European Relief Council of which Herbert Hoover is the Chairman, and the medical welfare work conducted by the American Red Cross and now rapidly being concentrated in its Child Welfare Units. The plans to clothe the children are held to be absolutely essential if the benefits of these two operations are to be fully realized.

On the basis of the Red Cross wartime quotas, the national total of 2,000,000 garments for girls and boys up to 14 years old and the 250,000 layettes for babies would mean a quota for the New England Division for the calendar year 1921 of 70,000 garments and 21,000 layettes.

The announcement of this great production effort, decided upon because of the desperate plight of the little ones overseas, was made for the New England Division of the National organization by Arthur G. Rotch, Division manager. In a letter sent this week to each of the 115 Chapters and 1115 Branches of the Red Cross in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Mr. Rotch outlined the most important features of the carefully considered plans in his letter, which follows:

"Two million garments for children—Two hundred and fifty thousand layettes—To be made, for the most part, from used wearing apparel, of every description, remnants and odds and ends, bed clothing, portieres, curtains—anything that ingenuity can convert into a garment—This is the national quota for the greatest Red Cross production campaign since the days of the World War, which has just been announced to me by Mr. W. Frank Parsons, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee. The garments and layettes are to help clothe some of the millions of children and babies in Central Europe who are living practically naked. The two million garments will barely suffice to cover a half a million children; an infinitely larger number can be used before the children are even decently clothed."

Must Meet The Emergency

"The situation of the children overseas is literally appalling, according to authentic information gathered by the Red Cross and other relief organizations and we consider this one

of the most essential tasks we have undertaken. We feel we must not fail to meet the emergency. Through you the American Red Cross now calls upon the women who served in our workrooms during the war and all other women interested in saving the children to mobilize in a nation-wide sewing circle to produce the required garments."

"On the basis of war-time Red Cross allotments the quota for this Division for the calendar year 1921 would be 70,000 garments and 21,000 layettes."

"The details of the campaign of most immediate importance to you are:

Supplements Hoover Work

1. The clothing will be used for the children reached by the personnel of the Child Welfare Units now established or to be established by the American Red Cross. The feeding program of the European Relief Council, of which Mr. Herbert Hoover is the Chairman, and the medical welfare service of the Red Cross are the chief phases of the effort being made today for the salvation of Europe's children. The plans to provide clothing supplement these two activities and are held absolutely essential if the full benefits of the two operations are to be realized.

2. The garments and layettes are to be made for the most part, not from new purchased materials, but from used articles of clothing to be collected, cleaned, if necessary, ripped to pieces and remade. Salvage and conservation thus become a part of it.

3. The layettes will be distributed largely by American Red Cross nurses who have general supervision of maternity cases.

4. The garments will be apporportioned by countries in order of greatest need as follows: Poland, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, the Baltic States, the Balkan States.

5. A Chapter may select the country to which it prefers its product to be sent and the Chapter preference will be carried out so far as transportation facilities permit.

6. The work will be under the Volunteer Service and it is essential that organizations that have not already done so immediately appoint a Chairman of Volunteer Service.

7. The production work divides itself clearly into several phases: 1. Collection of material. 2. Preparation of stock collected—sorting, cleaning and, if necessary, dyeing. Children's clothing received in good condition can be forwarded without making over. 3. Securing patterns, cutting and inspection. 4. Sewing. 5. Packing and shipping.

8. No special make or design is required, but Red Cross instructions and patterns will prove of value.

9. The various kinds of garments needed are: For children one to five years old, dresses, petticoats, undershirts, nightgowns; for girls five to 14 years old, dresses, chemises, petticoats, bloomers, nightgowns; for boys five to 14 years old, blouses, shirts, undershirts, winter undershirts, nightshirts.

A quota for each Chapter and complete instructions will be sent you shortly by Miss Lavinia H. Newell, Director of Volunteer Service. Any inquiries in regard to this production work should be addressed to her."

NO CLOTHES FOR BABY; MOTHER SCANTILY CLAD

Red Cross Commissioner Found Them In Their Cave Home

"Close by the side of the road was a mound of earth with a small opening at one side. I knew that some human being, perhaps a family, called it home, because that kind of homes are familiar sights in Poland," said Robert E. Olds, American Red Cross Commissioner to Europe.

"I stooped and went in through the narrow opening. Inside was a woman scantily clothed and seated in the ashes left from the last fire was a little child without one bit of clothing on his body. And the ashes were barely warm."

"The woman stood up and apologized for their condition—there are only enough garments to cover two of us," she said. "And my other son has gone out to gather wood for another fire."

It is needless to add that that family received a supply of clothing as soon as Mr. Olds got to the nearest Red Cross station but what of the others? Unless American women make 2,000,000 articles of clothing there won't be enough to go around among Europe's children. Red Cross chapter women are now asked to engage in this huge task.

"The suffering of those poor kids simply gets under my skin," was the way George Robertson, former automobile racing driver and winner of the Vanderbilt Cup, who is now chief of transportation for the European Commission of the American Red Cross, summed up his feelings upon returning to Paris from a trip to Vienna.

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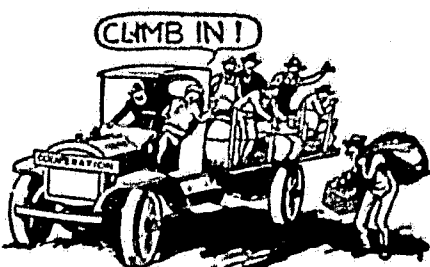
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Many Counties Rich in Agricultural Possibilities Are Burdened With Poor Roads.

Fluctuations in market prices may have several explanations. They frequently take place in regions where the local production does not equal the annual consumption. There are counties rich in agricultural possibilities, burdened with bad roads, where the annual incoming shipments of foodstuffs exceed the outgoing shipments in the ratio of four to one. Many such counties with improved roads could not only become self-supporting, but could ship products to other markets.

SCOUTS "DISCOVER" A VOLCANO.

Not far from Meriden, Conn., a curiosity was visited by scouts on a recent hike. Lava deposited in prehistoric times was found in a quarry in a part of an extinct volcano. A university professor with the party was able to point out the various stages in the flow and cooling of the lava. Scout Executive J. D. Roberts states that the place is known to very few outside of the vicinity.



The Open Road

As I understand it, one notion that opponents of farmers' organizations have got to get out of their heads is that the farmer wants an artificially boosted price for his produce. What he's after is just an honest price and an open road to market. I know my opinion is sound, because I got it from

The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

In next week's issue is a most helpful article which discusses plans for cooperative marketing, not only locally, but at the terminal market points. I wish all you farmers could read it.

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The Prodigal Village

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—In the village of Bingham, a young man named Robert Emerson, who was known as the Shepherd of the Birds, was the son of a poor widow. His world was his mother and friends, his little room, the flower garden of Judge Crocker, and every thing he saw from his window. The painting of pictures is his enjoyment, and little Pauline Baker, small daughter of a neighbor, the object of his boyish affection. To him, Patterson Bingham, the first citizen of Bingham, is the ideal of a really great man.

CHAPTER II.—The village becomes money mad, reflecting the great boom in its state of unrest. The Bingham family is a leader in the change. To them the village has become "provincial." Pauline Baker, victim of her surroundings, elopes with a stranger, and her parents are unable to trace her.

CHAPTER III.—Mainly owing to Judge Crocker, the village awakes to its shortsightedness in having considered money the essential, and neglecting the real things of life and true democracy. Some of the leading men also receive a lesson, in the increasing waywardness of members of their families.

CHAPTER IV.—The Bingham family feels the strain of the prolonged "giddy whirl." Phyllis, the daughter of the house, is threatened with nervous prostration. Mr. Bingham purchases a pearl necklace costing \$100.00 for her. His employees, hearing of this extravagance, demand more pay and less work.

"You'd better lie down and cover yourself up or you'll never live to see her or the summer either," the clock warned the Shepherd.

Then Bob would lie down quickly and draw the clothes over his shoulders and sing of the Good King Wen.



"Oh Dear! But the Days Pass So Slowly!" Bob Would Answer With a Sigh.

Christmas and the First Noel, which Miss Betsy Singleton had taught him at Christmas time.

All this is important as showing how a poor lad, of a lively imagination was wont to spend his lonely hours. He needed company and knew how to find it.

Christmas day, Judge Crocker had presented him with a beautiful copy of Raphael's Madonna and Child.

"It's the greatest theme and the greatest picture this poor world of ours can boast of," said the judge. "I want you to study the look in that mother's face, not that it is unusual. I have seen the like of it a hundred times. Almost every young mother with a child in her arms has that look or ought to have it—the most beautiful and mysterious thing in the world. The light of that old star which led the wise men is in it, I sometimes think. Study it and you may hear voices in the sky as did the shepherds of old."

So the boy acquired the companionship of those divine faces that looked down at him from the wall near his bed and had something to say to him every day.

Also, another friend—a very humble one—had begun to share his confidence. He was the little yellow dog, Christmas. He had come with his master, one evening in March, to spend a night with the sick Shepherd. Christmas had lain on the foot of the bed and felt the loving caress of the boy. The heart of the world, that loves above all things the touch of a kindly hand, was in this little creature. Often, when Hiram was walking out in the bitter winds, Christmas would edge away when his master's back was turned. In a jiffy, he was out of sight and making with all haste for the door of the Widow Moran. There, he never failed to receive some token of the generous

woman's understanding of the great need of dogs—a bone or a doughnut or a slice of bread soaked in meat gravy—and a warm welcome from the boy above stairs. The boy always had time to pet him and play with him. He was never fooling the days away with an axe and a saw in the cold wind. Christmas admired his master's ability to pick up logs of wood and heave them about and to make a great deal of noise with an axe but, in cold weather, all that was a bore to him. When he had been missing, Hiram Bingham found him, always, on Bob Moran's bed.

May had returned with its warm sunlight. The robins had come back. The blue martins had taken possession of the bird house. The grass had turned green on the garden borders and was now sprinkled with the golden glow of dandelions. The leaves were coming but Pat Crowley was no longer at work in the garden. He had fallen before the pestilence. Old Bill Rutherford was working there. The Shepherd was at the open window every day, talking with him and watching and feeding the birds.

Now, with the spring, a new feeling had come to Mr. Hiram Bingham. He had been sober for months. His Old Self had come back and had imparted his youthful strength to the man Hiram. He had money in the bank. He was decently dressed. People had begun to respect him. Every day, Hiram was being nudged and worried by a new thought. It persisted in telling him that respectability was like the Fourth of July—a very dull thing unless it was celebrated. He had been greatly pleased with his own growing respectability. He felt as if he wanted to take a look at it, from a distance, as it were. That money in the bank was nudging and calling him. It seemed to be lonely and longing for companionship.

"Come, Hiram Bingham," it used to say. "Let's be off together and get a silk hat and a gold-headed cane and make 'em set up and take notice. Suppose you should do such an 'en leave me without an owner?"

The warmth and joy of the spring-time had turned his fancy to the old dream. So one day, he converted his bank balance into "a roll big enough to choke a dog," and took the early morning train to Hazelmead, having left Christmas at the Widow Moran's.

In the mill city he bought a high silk hat and a gold-headed cane and a new suit of clothes and a boiled shirt and a high collar and a red necktie. It didn't matter to him that the fashion and fit of his garments were not quite in keeping with the silk hat and gold-headed cane. There were three other items in the old dream of splendor—the mother, the dancing team, and the envious remarks of the onlookers. His mother was gone. Also there were no dancing horses in Hazelmead, but he could hire an automobile.

In the course of his celebration he asked a lady whom he met in the street, if she would kindly be his mother for a day. He meant well but the lady being younger than Hiram and not accustomed to such familiarity from strangers, did not feel complimented by the question. They fled from each other. Soon, Hiram bought a big custard pie in a bake-shop and had it cut into small pieces and, having purchased pie and plate, went out upon the street with it. He ate what he wanted of the pie and generously offered the rest of it to sundry people who passed him. It was not impertinence in Hiram; it was pure generosity—a desire to share his riches, flavored, in some degree, by a feeling of vanity. It happened that Mr. J. Patterson Bingham came along and received a tender of pie from Mr. Bingham. "No!" said Mr. Bingham, with that old hammer whack in his voice which aroused bitter memories in the mind of Hiram.

That tone was a great piece of impudence. There was a menacing gesture and a rapid succession of footsteps on the pavement. Mr. Bingham's retreat was not, however, quite swift enough to save him. The pie landed on his shoulder. In a moment, Hiram was arrested and marching toward the lockup while Mr. Bingham went to the nearest drug store to be cleaned and accoutred.

A few days later Hiram Bingham arrived in Bingham. Mr. Singleton met him on the street and saw to his deep regret that Hiram had been drinking.

"I've made up my mind that religion is good for some folks, but it won't do for me," said the latter. "Why not?" the minister asked.

"I can't afford it."

"Have you found religion a luxury?" Mr. Singleton asked.

"It's grand while it lasts, but it's like p'ison gettin' over it," said Hiram. "I feel kind o' ruined."

"You look it," said the minister, with a glance at Hiram's silk hat and soiled clothing. "A long spell of sobriety is hard on a man if he quits it sudden. You've had your day of trial, my friend. We all have to be tried soon or late. People begin to say, 'At last he's come around all right. He's a good fellow.' And the Lord says: 'Perhaps he's worthy of better things. I'll try him and see.'"

"That's his way of pushing people along, Hiram. He doesn't want them to stand still. You've had your trial and failed, but you won't give up. When your fan turns into sorrow, as it will, come back to me and we'll try again."

Hiram sat dozing in a corner of the bar-room of the Eagle hotel that day. He had been ashamed to go to his

comfortable room over the garage. He did not feel entitled to the hospitality of Mr. Singleton. Somehow, he couldn't bear the thought of going there. His new clothes and silk hat were in a state which excited the



Hiram Sat Dozing in a Corner of the Bar-Room of the Eagle Hotel That Day.

derision of small boys and audible comment from all observers while he had been making his way down the street. His money was about gone. The barkeeper had refused to sell him any more drink. In the early dusk he went out of doors. It was almost as warm as midsummer and the sky was clear. He called at the door of the Widow Moran for his dog.

In a moment Christmas came down from the Shepherd's room and greeted his master with fond affection. The two went away together. They walked up a deserted street and around to the old graveyard. When it was quite dark, they groped their way through the weeds, briared aisles, between moss-covered toppling stones, to their old nook under the ash tree. There Hiram made a bed of boughs, picked from the evergreens that grew in the graveyard, and lay down upon it under his overcoat with the dog Christmas. He found it impossible to sleep, however. When he closed his eyes a new thought began nudging him.

It seemed to be saying, "What are you going to do now, Mr. Hiram Bingham?"

He was pleased that it seemed to say Mr. Hiram Bingham. He lay for a long time looking up at the starry moonlit sky, and at the marble, weather-spotted angel on the monument of the Reverend Thaddeus Sneed, who had been lying there, among the rude forefathers of the village, since 1800. Suddenly the angel began to move. Mr. Bingham observed with alarm that it had discovered him and that its right forefinger was no longer directed toward the sky but was pointing at his face. The angel had assumed the look and voice of his Old Self and was saying:

"I don't see why angels are always cut in marble and set up in graveyards with nothing to do but point at the sky. It's a cold and lonesome business. Why don't you give me a job?"

His Old Self vanished and, as it did so, the spotted angel fell to coughing and sneezing. It coughed and sneezed so loudly that the sound went echoing in the distant sky and so violently that it reeled and seemed to be in danger of falling. Mr. Bingham awoke with a rude jump so that the dog Christmas barked in alarm. It was nothing but the midnight train from the south pulling out of the station, which was near the old graveyard. The spotted angel stood firmly in place and was pointing at the sky as usual.

It was probably an hour or so later, when Mr. Bingham was awakened by the barking of the dog Christmas. He quieted the dog and listened. He heard a sound like that of a baby crying. It awoke tender memories in the mind of Hiram Bingham. One very sweet recollection was about all that the barren, bitter years of his young manhood had given him worth having. It was the recollection of a little child who had come to his home in the first year of his married life.

"She lived eighteen months and three days and four hours," he used to say, in speaking of her, with a tender note in his voice.

Almost twenty years she had been lying in the old graveyard near the ash tree. Since then the voice of a child crying always halted his steps. It is probable that, in her short life, the neglected, pathetic child Pearl— that having been her name—had protested much against a plentiful lack of comfort and sympathy.

So Mr. Bingham's agitation at the sound of a baby crying somewhere near him, in the darkness of the old graveyard, was quite natural and will be readily understood. He rose on his elbow and listened. Again he heard the small, appealing voice. "By thunder! Christmas," he whispered. "If that ain't like Pearl when she was a little, teeny, weeny thing no bigger'n a pint o' beer! Say, it is, sir, sure as sin!"

Continued next week

TUNIC EFFECT IN LONG COAT



A lovely combination of black velvet and gray squirrel fur, with ash and hem of black ribbon. This model is quite like a suit, but is in reality a long coat that could serve for afternoon calls.

THE CLOTH AND WORSTED HAT

Sports Headgear May Be Made Astonishingly Artistic With Aid of Yarn Embroidery.

The American woman likes all her clothes pretty. She likes practical sport clothes, it is true, but she places style and beauty first. She likes lovely colors, embroideries and perhaps a few ribbons. All sorts of bright yarns have come to play a very important part in our outdoor clothes. There is no end to the lovely models that can be achieved from cloth and worsted.

A plain dark blue cloth hat of a soft shape may be made astonishingly artistic with some gray yarn embroidery. All the rust shades are attractive backgrounds for gray worsted. The beret is more popular than ever and lends itself to old-fashioned worsted needlework. There is an infinite variety of designs that may be worked out in these.

Upon first thought ribbon does not seem very feasible for headgear designed for outdoor games, but the most useful as well as charming hats are made entirely from it. Some of them are rather perishable affairs, with their ravellings and fringes, and cannot claim economy as bearing any relation to the ribbon sport hat; it is just as extravagant as it can be, but very lovely. There is such a wide range of shades in ribbons that it is possible to match any costume and bring out any color effect desired.

GRAY SEEMS TO BE POPULAR

Color Is Used in Furs and Fabrics—New Fur Called Slynx Is Introduced.

Gray seems to be the most popular color, both in furs and fabrics. There is a new fur called slynx, an imitation krimmer, which is very much in the foreground. Then come mole, beaver, kolinsky and a very little ermine and seal. The fur is mainly used as facing for hats of panne velvet or broadened satin. The Little Cosack turban of fur is supplanted by combination turbans of fur and ribbon or brocade. A coquettish model of mole skin is bedecked with a lustrous, ravellied edge scarf of taupe moire ribbon. The small turban or tam is very popular as to shape. The most exclusive shops are adapting the turban to the Egyptian outline and are showing the high, helmetlike front. One Paris firm develops this up-standing, off-the-face front into a starfish shape. The hat is of black panne velvet and the starfish is fashioned from jet. Little tams made of velvet are very popular when trimmed in fur balls.

TUXEDO SWEATER IS SMART

Unbelted Garment Is Attractive—Large Plaids Are New This Season and In Demand.

Sweaters seem to grow handsomer each season. The unbelted tuxedo sweater is considered very smart just now, and one model in brushed wool in checker-board effect has the edges and deep V collar in plain color and is very attractive. The large plaids are new this season and are especially in demand.

The public demand for lower prices has had its effect on fashion. The newest models show that the producers have met this demand by eliminating elaborate trimmings and embroideries. The new garments show a revision in styles and it is now possible to buy a dress, coat or suit—minus expensive elaboration in trimmings—at almost prewar prices.

GOV. PERCIVAL P. BAXTER SUBMITS WATER POWER & TAXATION AMENDMENTS TO MAINE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, March 28 (Special).—A special message proposing a constitutional amendment, was sent to the legislature by Governor Baxter. The proposed amendment gives the State authority to take over, control and develop water-storage basins and water powers.

The message follows:

March 17, 1921.
To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Eightieth Legislature:—

In 1919 I drafted and introduced the Act which became Chapter 132 of the Laws of 1919 and which is entitled "An Act to Create the Maine Water Power Commission." Under the provisions of this law, Sections 4 and 5, the Commission is instructed to investigate the water power resources within the State of Maine, and "report upon what rights remain to the State in the storage reservoirs and basins, and in the developed and undeveloped water powers within the State." Sections 7 and 8 of this law provide that "if the Commission is of the opinion that the State itself should acquire and develop these storage reservoirs and basins and undeveloped water powers, the Commission shall report a plan for the same," and "shall present a comprehensive and practicable plan whereby the State may be conserved, used and developed for the benefit of the people of Maine."

At the same session of the Legislature I drafted and introduced House Order dated February 27th, 1919, which propounded certain water power questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial court, and the Justices in their answers to these questions gave their opinion that an amendment to the State Constitution was necessary if the State is to develop the storage reservoirs and undeveloped water powers within the State.

The Water Power Commission in its first annual report says: "It has seemed impracticable, if not legally impossible, for the Commission to work out a satisfactory plan for State control of storage reservoirs unless by some proper amendment to the Constitution," and "it is our intention to submit this plan (River Regulating Districts) to the Legislature should the necessary Constitutional amendment be presented." The Commission also says that: "The interests of the State are greater than those of any person, or corporation, within it."

From this it will be seen that the Commission has prepared a definite plan for submission to the Legislature, and in a letter addressed to me, under date of March 11, 1921, the Commission writes: "We believe that the Constitution of Maine should be amended in regard to reservoirs and water powers."

I have prepared and herewith submit a constitutional amendment for your consideration.

This amendment will give the people of Maine the opportunity to decide for themselves whether or not the State shall have the power to control and develop water storage basins, and undeveloped water powers. If the State today were to adopt a new constitution the people would doubtless reserve to themselves the right to control and develop water powers and storage reservoirs, the possibilities of which were unknown in 1820 when our present Constitution was adopted. The people should be allowed to vote upon this question after ample opportunity has been given for thorough discussion so that intelligent action may be taken.

This amendment has incorporated in it only those features which seem to me to be needed as the basis for future constructive legislation. It is generally accepted that conservation of our water resources is necessary in order to stop the present economic waste of the state's water resources, and the only question involved is by whom, how and when this conservation is to be done.

The storage and control of waters is the foundation of conservation and the next step is their development and improvement. Should the State take these preliminary steps it must have the power to use and sell its developed and improved water resources, and in addition thereto it should have the right to connect the various electrical systems throughout the state, so that a surplus of power in one section can be used in another where there is a scarcity.

The amendment submitted herewith in my opinion fulfill present day requirements. The grave responsibility of submitting to the people of the State a comprehensive water power constitutional amendment rests both upon the Legislature and upon myself and should such an amendment fail to meet the needs of the situation we both would be remiss in our duty to those who sent us here.

The opponents of any and all forms of state control and development will attack the constitutionality of all legislation based on whatever amendment is submitted to the people, and for this reason there should be no doubt about its meaning and purpose, else the work of the past four years will be come of no avail. A constitutional amendment must stand every test to which able attorneys will subject it.

I am of the opinion that under this amendment the people of the State of Maine, thru their representatives in the 1923 Legislature, will be able to take a forward step in water power development. A constitutional amendment would be useless which in any way restricts or limits the power of the people of this State to decide this question for themselves and upon its language depends to a large extent the future health, safety and prosperity of this State.

Taxation.

The last paragraph of the proposed amendment deals with the taxation of water powers and the Water Power Commission has made no recommendation on this phase of the question.

By the terms of the Federal Water Power Bill, the water powers of Maine are in danger of passing under Federal control, and it will be that the only method of preventing this is to levy a tax upon hydro-electric energy generated within the State and shipped beyond its borders.

Under the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State water powers, although they represent great value, are not taxable as property. This decision is not in conformity with the law of many other states but is blighting upon our courts until the State Constitution is changed. These water powers today virtually escape taxation and it has been well said, "for the State to receive no compensation of such a great wealth producer (water flowing over a dam, or horsepower) is the greatest possible injustice in the matter of taxation."

In Maine there are about 400,000 developed water horse power, the fair value of which is not less than \$100 per horse power and in some developments its value is even larger. There also is 1,000,000 horse power undeveloped in the State. These great values should become a source of revenue to the State. If the Legislature adopts this amendment and if the people later ratify it the legislature of 1923 will be in a position to pass some reasonable tax laws under which these valuable rights will share in the burdens of taxation.

Prof. George F. Swain of the Harvard Engineering School, a water-power expert, in a lecture delivered in the Maine House of Representatives of March 10th, 1921, stated that every developed horse power in Maine can do the work of at least 5 tons of coal. He stated that this means a saving of at least \$50 per horse power per year on a coal basis. If each horse power will save \$50 per year in coal it is easy to compare what the annual saving to the people of Maine would be if our resources were fully developed and gives an idea of the value of Maine's water-power. With the ever increasing demands for appropriations now made upon our legislature, some new sources of revenue must be obtained, else the burden of taxation can no longer be borne by our citizens.

It was my intention to submit this amendment to you at an earlier date but circumstances over which I had no control prevented my doing so. This Legislature in my opinion will act wisely if it passes this constructive legislation, for under the first paragraph of the amendment the people can derive direct benefit from the development of storage reservoirs and water powers if they later determine by proper legislation that they desire to do so and under the second some relief from the crushing burden of taxation can be obtained without injustice being done to those who will be called upon to pay.

Constitutional Amendment.

"The conservation, storage, control and use of waters, and the development, improvement, transmission, utilization, electrical interconnection, control and sale of water powers, by the State of Maine, either directly or thru such public district of districts, as the Legislature may authorize and not otherwise are declared to constitute paramount public uses, for the accomplishment of which right of eminent domain may be exercised, and in furtherance of which the right of taxation may be employed; and the Legislature may also provide therefor and for the apportionment to, and assessment upon, the lands and property which shall or may be benefited thereby, and according to the extent of such benefits, the whole or any part of the cost of such conservation, storage, development, improvement, transmission, control, electrical interconnection, and utilization of said waters and water powers, including the cost of maintenance and operation thereof."

"For the purposes of taxation within the State, and hydro-electric energy generated therefrom, may be treated by the Legislature as property distinct from the land or structure to which they may be appurtenant, or from which they may be derived, and such powers, privileges and energy may be assessed for taxation in such manner as the Legislature may determine, at rates differing from the rate imposed upon real and personal property within the State; and such powers and privileges may be classified as developed, partially developed, and undeveloped and a different rate of taxation may be imposed upon each class; provided, however, that all such taxes shall be apportioned and assessed equally at uniform rates of taxation throughout the State upon the same class of property."

Respectfully submitted,
PERCIVAL P. BAXTER,
Governor of Maine.

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FOR SALE—Ten tons of No. 1 quality English hay, pressed. Inquire of E. P. Brown, Bethel, Me. 3-17

FOR SALE—Loose hay, Phone or call Ann Sessions, Main St., Bethel, Me. 2-24-31-p

FOR SALE—One 9x12 Fibre Rug, 1 No. 1 Eddy Ice Chest; 2 3x6 Axminster Rugs. Inquire of E. L. Allen, West Bethel, Maine. 3-31-31-p

FOR SALE—Excellent Twin motorcycle with side car, complete with runners for winter and wheels for summer. Has been used one season and was completely overhauled about a month ago. Two new tires and third one in extra shape. \$375.00 takes the whole rig. Terms to reliable party. L. E. Davis, North Newry, Me. 3-10-31

HYACINTH EGGS—Full blood White Wyandottes. The cockerel in this pen is the grandson of College Queen, the highest official record hen in the United States, 308 eggs at Storrs. Also been tested by the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Eggs, \$1.00 per setting. Mrs. Mark Arsenault, Bethel, Me. 4-7-11

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NOTICE—Bled bacon, 35 cents per lb.; 30 cents by the strip. Price made on larger quantities. W. C. Bryant, Bethel, Maine. 4-7-11

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FOR SALE—A Primrose Separator, almost new. Will sell at a bargain if taken at once. A. Van, Bethel, Me. 4-7

RUMFORD

Miss Mary Murray will teach the Spring term at a school in Dixfield. Merle S. Pratt is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeth E. Pratt in Wilton for a short time.

Mrs. Henry Perry is the guest of friends in Lewiston. The following books are now in the Rumford Public Library: "Who's Who America, 1920-1921," Margot Asquith, an autobiography. The latter is a much discussed book in both England and America.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan announce the engagement of their daughter, Flora Ethel, to Ezra Almon Holt.

Miss Mildred Smith, who has been organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal church for the past ten years, has finished her work there, she completing her duties on Easter Sunday. Miss Smith has been very faithful in the performance of her duties, and the work has been cheerfully given, as she has received no remuneration for her services. She will be much missed.

Mrs. W. S. Morrow of the Bonafit Store is visiting her father, J. B. Holley in Farmington. Mr. Holley is in very poor health.

Mrs. Ina Parlin Garland, who has been spending the winter at the home of Mrs. Edward Brown on Washington street, is now teaching school at Dickvale.

Merle Niles is spending the Easter holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Niles, of Prospect avenue.

Katherine Glines, who has been teaching at the North Rumford school, will take Miss McCoubrey's place as assistant at the Chisholm and Pettengill schools. Miss McCoubrey resigned her position on account of her marriage to John Tapley, superintendent of schools at Oakland, which took place at Oakland on March 30th. Miss Glines will board at Mrs. Paine's on Franklin street.

Ethel M. O'Brien, who has been employed by the State Board of Charities and Corrections, with an office in Municipal Building, has resigned her position to accept a position at Mechanics' Institute.

Miss Mildred Smith, who for several years past has been secretary and stenographer for Superintendent of schools L. E. Williams, has resigned her position, and Miss Eloise Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. Abbott of Stephen's High School 1919, has been elected to take her place. Miss Smith will marry Mr. Rider Christensen on April 27th.

Miss Lena Files, who has been teaching at the MacDonald school, has been changed to the Chisholm school, grade 3, made vacant by the resignation of Gladys Packard, who is to attend Farmington Normal School this Spring.

At the entertainment given at the high school with the new picture machine \$124 was taken, which sum is to be turned in towards paying for the machine.

Ruth Austin of Phillips has been engaged to teach at the MacDonald school in grades 2 and 3.

Perley L. Berry, a junior at the University of Maine, is spending the Easter vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orrington Berry, on Main avenue.

Frederick Kline, a student at the Maine Central Institute, is at home for a vacation.

Arthur Chapman, son of John Chapman, is spending the vacation with his uncle in Bangor instead of coming home. Mr. Chapman is a senior at the University of Maine.

The Oxford Paper Company mill and the Maine Coated Paper mill resumed work in full on Monday of this week, after having been shut down for the past two weeks on account of the extra amount of paper on hand.

At the annual meeting of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation held last week, it was voted to raise \$54,000 by coming year by taxation, and \$20,000 by a series of notes, the latter amount to take care of the cost of the installation of the new sewerage system. The following officers were elected: Assessors,

Edward J. Roderick, Stephen R. Pennell, Fred W. Davis; Clerk, Charles O. Duntion; Treasurer, H. W. Derry; Collector, William F. Cyr; Auditor, Harry B. Carroll; Fire Wardens, Fred B. Carroll, H. M. Allen, Claude A. Rolfe; Chief Engineer, Fred B. Carroll, the only contest of the evening being in that of the office of the second assessor, Peter B. Moore opposing S. R. Pennell, the present assessor. When the votes were counted, Pennell received 227 and Moore 45. The salaries of the officers are to be the same as in 1920. Much discussion was carried on in regard to raising money for the Municipal Park, but finally resulted in the appropriation of \$5000 to carry on the work.

Along with the announcements that ice cream is to take a drop of 15 cents on a gallon, it is stated that this week the price of all soft drinks will be reduced.

A crew from the J. H. Kerr Company has begun work at Mt. Zircen Spring, making new and necessary changes for the new plant to be established by the new Mt. Zircen Company at Rumford. It is now the idea of the company to pipe the water down through tin lined pipes, down the river, thus saving the necessary expense of digging a ditch in which the pipe would have to be laid.

Robert Wishart has sold his home on Pine street to Mr. Irving A. Mitchell, who has already taken possession. Mr. Wishart is at present living in Strathglass Park at 28 Erchie street.

Announcement has been made from the local office of the Turner Centre Creamery Association of a drop of 15 cents per gallon on ice cream.

Louis J. Gauthier and Joseph Gagne of Lewiston have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fountaine and Mr. and Mrs. Monastotto.

Edward Sheehan of Pine street, the grocer, has this postal station established in his store.

At the office of the town clerk the following marriage intentions have been filed: Virt West and Zannah H. Wilbur, Augustin Lardry and Mary Allaire, Albert Joseph Barre and Rose Greenier, all of Rumford.

At a recent meeting of the Merchants' Association it was voted that the merchants pay their proportionate part towards the defraying of the cost of furnishing baseball suits for the team to represent them in the baseball league now being formed. The candidates for the various teams are already getting early Spring training, and are out daily for a little practice.

The public schools of the town are closed this week for the Easter vacation. The grades are having two weeks vacation, one week previous to this one, and the high school is having one week's vacation on account of making up lost work at a previous date.

The property of Tracy L. Barker on Lincoln avenue, also that on Waldo street, has been sold through the Home Agency. The purchasers were Leon Reynolds and Virt West. Mr. Barker has bought out a printing business in Portland, and will move there, having purchased a home in the Oakdale section of Portland.

The following officers of the Loyal Order of Moose have been installed for the ensuing year: Dictator, Jos. Connors; Vice Dictator, James C. Hagen; Prelate, Clarence Hayes; Sgt. at Arms, O. D. Paradi; Inner Guard, Matthew Phelan; Outer Guard, Patrick Mallott; Treasurer, Henry C. Perry; Secretary, William F. Cyr; Trustee for three years, Elias McKenna.

Katherine Foley of Portland, who was teacher of music in the Rumford schools last year, has been engaged to have charge of the special acts to be given at the high school entertainment on April 13 and 14 in Majestic Theatre.

Arrangements are progressing steadily for the coming fair to be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Napoleon Oullette Post on April 12. The big doll to be sold at this fair is on exhibition in a local store window, and is attracting much attention.

Rev. George A. Hunt, pastor of St. Barnabas church, on account of poor health has resigned his pastorate recently, but the resignation was not accepted. He was however, granted a three months leave of absence in which to regain his health, and is at present in Portland. During his absence the church will be supplied or have a lay reader each Sunday. The Men's Club and St. Margaret's Guild will continue as usual.

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ANDOVER

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Dr. John H. Cole passed away Tuesday, March 29, at his summer home in North Andover after several weeks illness of cancer of the liver.

Dr. Cole was born in Michigan 59 years ago and worked his way through school, graduating from Illinois College of Medicine at an early age. He was a practicing physician for a number of years when ill health compelled him to give it up. He then went to Oregon where he engaged in the lumbering business and was very successful.

Eight years ago he came to Andover and built a summer home among the hills where his health was much better. He spent his summers here and his winters in Florida. He is survived by a wife and two sisters.

He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and belonged to the Mystic Shrine of Michigan.

He will be much missed in town. The funeral was held Thursday at the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Allen Brown of the Universalist church, Rumford. Members of Cabot Lodge, K. of P. attended in a body. There were beautiful flowers. The remains were taken to Lynn to be cremated.

Ellen Akers is caring for Mrs. Chas. Morgan, who has been very ill.

The selectmen were in session at their office Saturday and are taking inventory this week.

Lewis Morton has been engaged as janitor of the village schoolhouses and the town hall for the year.

Mrs. Maggie Stuart left town Friday for Kennebunk, Me., where she will teach the spring term of school.

Mrs. Harriet Stuart, who has spent the winter in town, has gone to Portland for a visit.

Roy Manzer has contracted to drive X. A. Thurston's pine and pulp on Sawyer Brook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Remington are keeping house in Ethel McAllister's rent on Main street.

Webster and Howard Learned from Rumford have been spending their vacation with their grandparents, P. V. Learned and wife.

Volney Swentt from the U. of M. is spending the Easter vacation with his people, Chester Swentt and wife.

The Young People's Whist Club met Thursday evening with a large number present. Mrs. Mattie Warren and Fred Milton won the first prizes and Mrs. I. E. Mills and Harland Averill the second. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Gladys Howard Abbott is very ill.

Mrs. Doughty has been caring for Mrs. Charles Morgan, who recently underwent an operation for gall stones.

Clayton Swentt, who has been in Boston several months for treatment of an injured knee, has returned home much improved.

George Learned is having lumber hauled to his farm where he intends building a new house.

Lawrence Parsons, wife and son were guests of Lucien Akers and wife, Sunday.

Lee Thurston has men at Black Brook driving his lumber.

The Mollochet Camp Fire Girls played a drama Saturday evening before a large audience.

Ernest Milton was at Rumford with his auto, Thursday.

The King's Daughters enjoyed a very pleasant meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ray Thurston.

Mr. R. W. Prescott and C. A. Atwood from Rumford were in town last week seeing lumber.

Mrs. Elva Mitchell and daughter have gone to Middle Dam to work for Edward Coburn.

The high and central schools reopened Monday after two weeks vacation. Miss Hazel Rounds and Annie O'Leary are boarding with Mrs. Emma Pratt, Miss Works and Miss Edgerly with Mrs. Irving Akers, and Mr. Leighton with Mrs. Abbie Wyman.



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AGRICULTURE

By George Wilson Jennings
Daniel Webster was a great lover of nature and took delight in cultivating the soil. He always gave particular care to his flower gardens which surrounded his simple home in New Hampshire. Mr. Webster arranged his business each day, to devote three hours working in his garden. When talking with a neighbor in his later life he said: "The farmers are the founders of civilization." No more true saying could have been spoken, for the farmer has been since the beginning of the world and will be always honored in his calling, for those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God.

In talking recently with one of the most successful farmers in Pennsylvania, he told me that in all of his experience, he very seldom if ever had any failure in his crops during his sixty years of farming. One of the secrets of his marked success was the perpetual care that he constantly gave his land and the other was chemistry which he acquired when a young man, applying the same to agriculture, for chemistry works continually in every soil and sub-soil.

The sun which ripens every vegetable and fruit which is grown; filling these with succulent nutriment, also paints with beauty the violet and the rose. It is not known where he that invented the plough was born nor where he died, yet he has effected more for the happiness of the world than the whole race of heroes and of conquerors who have drenched it with tears and fertilized it with blood, and whose birth and parentage and education have been handed down to us with a precision exactly proportionate to the mischief they have done.

Dean Swift has fittingly phrased the saying, and he gave it for his opinion, that "Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

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